

Activity 5: Using Transitions and Semicolons to Join Clauses

This exercise is based on Mark Bittman, “Bad Food: Tax It and Subsidize Vegetables.” Rewrite the following sentences with transitions or semicolons (make sure you use both options). Check that you have punctuated the sentences correctly. Circle the transition or phrase and punctuation.

1. We have experts who can figure out how “bad” a food should be to qualify and what the rate should be. Right now they’re busy calculating ethanol subsidies.

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2. Right now it’s harder for many people to buy fruit than Froot Loops. Chips and Coke are a common breakfast.

3. The fast-food industry alone spent more than \$4 billion on marketing in 2009. The Department of Agriculture’s Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion is asking for about a third of a percent of that in 2012: \$13 million.

4. As a result, the percentage of obese adults has more than doubled over the last 30 years. The percentage of obese children has tripled.

5. It also appears that liquid calories provide less feeling of fullness. When you drink a soda, it’s probably in addition to your other calorie intake, not instead of it.

6. Scaled nationally, as it should be, the projected benefits are even more impressive. One study suggests that a national penny-per-ounce tax on sugar-sweetened beverages would generate at least \$13 billion a year in income while cutting consumption by 24 percent.

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